

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Reference is made to commonly-assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/713,522 _____ (DN85501), entitled MAGENTA LOW FLUORESCENCE DYE FOR COATED OPTICAL BEAD RANDOM ARRAY DNA ANALYSIS and copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/713,165 _____ (DN85500), entitled CYAN LOW FLUORESCENCE DYE FOR COATED OPTICAL BEAD RANDOM ARRAY DNA ANALYSIS, both filed on November 14, 2003 ~~of even date herewith~~. Reference is also made to U.S. Publication No. 2003/0068609 (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/942,241) 2000-68609, filed August 29, 2001, entitled RANDOM ARRAY OF MICROSPHERES. The copending applications are incorporated by reference herein for all that they contain.